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POWER of Commitment

Gadsden Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S NOTES — Last month, Dr. Cheryl Cephus-Vickers, Associate Dean of Student Services/Director of Counseling and Advising for Gadsden State Community College, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Importance of Résumés to Chapter members in March. In these times of economic stress, it is more important than ever to keep your résumé current! (See picture below.)

Bring your lunch and join me on Thursday, April 8 at 12 noon, as Jim Connah with Myers Brazell & Associates updates chapter members on **Productivity tools for the Office**. It really makes us admins look good to our bosses for us to know the newest “tools.” And...he will bring a door prize!

We want to really look good for Administrative Professionals Day, April 21! It's always good to be recognized. I know at United Way, Joanne Hightower, executive director, thanks us for doing our jobs! That gives us – me, included – the motivation to do more!

The Scholarship Committee met to interview prospective scholarship finalists. The scholarship was presented to Suson Darlene Daugherty on Awards Day at the Ayers Campus of Gadsden State Community College in Anniston by Baisha Woody, Vice-President.

The Gadsden Chapter Board worked hard to ensure the Chapter could provide a scholarship. I am honored to be associated with such hard-working admin professionals!

Yes, we are hard working...at home, at our jobs, at church, and with other volunteering opportunities. Hope you have thought about a new volunteer opportunity -- the Annual Meeting Committee. Join me (and Huntsville Chapter members) as we look forward to making the June 2011 Annual Meeting, taking place at Lake Guntersville, a successful and fun event. The Gadsden Chapter is a co-host with the Huntsville Chapter. Planning meetings will begin soon. Let's show the Alabama Division how we work! Thank you.

See you Thursday, April 8, at the Joe Ford Center, Room 210 for our next meeting! Pat



Ms. Pat Presley, CPS and Dr. Cheryl Cephus-Vickers

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It's time to start preparing our professional development forms — Gadsden Chapter deadline is April 15. Pres. Presley will be tallying Chapter results. You will be receiving an e-mail from President Presley soon with more information. You can download your form from the Division website, Form & Guidelines page, www.iaapalabama.org.

GEM CLIPS

From Laura Finney:

**CONGRATULATIONS TO SHERNEVELYNE HILL!
Winner of the Free Conference Ticket**

Congratulations to Shernevelyne. Shernevelyne won in a random drawing held in February at the IAAP Gadsden Chapter's February Educational Seminar. I also want to commend Shernevelyne on following her Administrative career goals.

Read her story: *After working 27 years in various offices positions, including shipping and exporting, I was faced with the reality of losing my job due to textile plant closures and textiles relocating overseas. I chose to think positively and immediately took advantage of a job retraining program called WIA. This program allowed me to attend a two-year college to reenter the workforce. I could not afford to spend two years in school, with only unemployment income when we had a daughter in college. I worked with great counselors at Gadsden State Community College; and with approval from the Dean, I took course over loads for four quarters and graduated in 1 year with honors in Office Administration.*

Following the completion of my Associates degree, my husband and children encouraged me to get a Bachelors degree. I looked at several options and chose The University of Alabama. Through independent study classes, web based instruction and weekend classes; I received my Bachelor of Science in Administrative Science with honors in 2 and half years.

I am living proof that you should never give up on your dreams, stay positive and take advantage of life's stumbling blocks to step up to the next challenge. Today I am a Manager with Continuing Education and GED Testing/GED Examiner. I thank God for giving me my positive, never say never attitude, a loving husband, and two wonderful daughters.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NONA BRIDGES, CPS!

Nona recently received her five-year (January 2010—January 2015) CPS recertification. Nona has held the offices of Gadsden Chapter President, Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary. Nona is a graduate of Gadsden State Community College and has been employed with Gadsden State since 1993. She is currently an administrative assistant in the Office of Institutional Research. Nona is married to Jimmy Bridges. They have one son, Eric (Laura) Bridges, who are the parents to their precious grandson, Jayden.

THE GADSDEN CHAPTER IS PROUD OF YOU!



**2010 MEETINGS FOR
YOUR CALENDAR**

April 8—Ford Center—Rm 210
Jim Connah with Mayers Brazell
& Associates (Bring Lunch)

May 10—Alabama Power
Company Program Title TBA
and Election of Board Members
(Lunch Provided)

June 10—United Way Board
Room—Installation of 2010-
2011 Board Members (Bring
Lunch)

